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Statement made by the Head of the Delegation
of the Netherlands Antilles on Admission to
Associate Membership of the Caribbean Develop-
ment and Co-operation Committee (CDCC), on
4 February 1982.

Speaking on behalf of the Government of the Netherlands Antilles it gives me great pleasure to thank all members of the CDCC for welcoming us as associate member. In particular, we are grateful to the friendly countries that initiated the adoption of this encouraging resolution and we thank all those delegations that addressed such kind words to us.

It is indeed a pleasant result from our admission as an associate member of ECLA last May. Unlike at that joyful occasion our Minister is not present here today because the Antillean Cabinet resigned some weeks ago. There are, however, good prospects for a reconstruction. Mr. Chairman, in strengthening our participation within the mechanisms for regional co-operation, my government attaches special importance to the CDCC as an essential instrument for the promotion of the social and economic development for the region as a whole. To this end, horizontal co-operation is an absolute must. That is why we are convinced that intra-regional co-operation through the CDCC is called upon to play an important role in facing our common problems.

It should be stressed, however, that only an effective co-ordination among the countries of our region can guarantee a successful operation of the CDCC. We think that this way of looking at the matter will enable us to determine our common problems and capabilities. By doing so, we will be stimulating joint actions and solutions in the process of Caribbean integration.

In conclusion, I want to express our satisfaction at the recognition of our involvement in the CDCC ever since its establishment in 1975. We would like to seize this opportunity to renew our commitment to the CDCC and would urge other members to do likewise.

In our opinion, there could be no greater tribute to the memory of the founding Father of the CDCC - the true Caribbean Statesman Dr. Eric Williams, than to transform the restless Caribbean into a model for regional co-operation and development.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.